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Questions - Madras Legislative Council - Starred Question No. 109 - Scheme for the multiplication and distribution of manure, seeds and iron and steel [illegible] - Papers Recorded.

GREATER EFFICIENCY IN AGRICULTURE.

*53 Q.-- SRI K. NATARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased ~~xxx~~ to state---

(a) whether any complete schemes have been planned for the Province for

(i) the multiplication and distribution of seeds of improved strains in crops:

(ii) the supply of manures; and

(iii) the supply of iron implements to be utilized by the ryots and cultivators with a view to secure greater efficiency in agriculture:

(b) if so, whether the scheme will be ready for execution in the next fasli:

(c) to what extent, and in respect of what heads, such a scheme will be made applicable to the Tanjore district; and

(d) whether any progress has been made in that direction in any specified areas in the district of Tanjore?

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:-- "(a) A comprehensive scheme for the whole Province for the multiplication and distribution to ryots of improved seeds of paddy, millets, pulses, groundnut and green manure was sanctioned by Government in July 1946. Individual schemes worked in several districts previously are merged in the scheme.

"A scheme for the purchase and sale of manure and iron and steel to ryots for agricultural purposes is being worked by the Agricultural Department with a permanent advance of Rs.132 lakhs for manure and Rs.12 lakhs for iron and steel sanctioned by Government.

(b) The schemes mentioned in clause (a) are already working and will be continued next year.

(c) In the Tanjore district schemes for the multiplication and distribution of improved seeds of paddy and green manure are in operation. The scheme for the purchase and distribution of manures and iron and steel for agricultural purposes is applicable to the Tanjore district also.

"(d) Out of the total area of about 13 lakhs of acres under paddy in the Tanjore district, the target of 11 lakhs of acres fixed for the spread of improved strains has already been reached by large scale seed multiplications of paddy strains, carried on during the last four years. The future work consists in maintaining the purity of the strains already multiplied. Seed multiplication of green manure crops (sunn-hemp, kolinji and daincha), is being attempted in all parts of the district.

"Apart from these schemes, the following special concessions were also sanctioned for the Tanjore district. With a view to increase the production of paddy crop in the deltaic areas of the Province including Tanjore, the Government sanctioned a scheme for the distribution of 20,000 tons of ammonium sulphate at a price equal to

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75 per cent of the actual cost of the manure through the Agricultural Depots during 1944-45. The total subsidy amounted to Rs.12,57,000. Under the scheme a quantity of 620 tons of ammonium sulphate was allotted to Tanjore District. In order to increase the yield of paddy crop in the areas newly reclaimed during faslis 1353 and 1354 in the taluks of Tanjore, Papanasam, Mannargudi, Tiruttuaraipundi, Pattukkotai and Arantangi, the Government also ordered the compolsory cultivation of a green manure crop in these areas before 30th July 1945. Green manure seeds were supplied to the ryots free of cost. A sum of Rs.5,02,496 was sanctioned for that scheme.

"As regards manures, supplies are being arranged to Tanjore district as to any other district in the Province with reference to supply and requirements. Supplies made during 1945-46 and 1946-47 are noted below:--

Name of manure.	1945-46.	1946-47 so far.
	TONS.	TONS.
Ammonium sulphate	1,223	732
Ammonium phosphate	80	180
Triple super	19	..
Super phosphate		230
Groundnut cake	A quantity of 2,387 tons has been supplied during the period from July 1946 to October 1946. Three thousand six hundred and eighty tons have been allotted for supply from November 1946 to February 1947.	

"As regards iron and steel, there are already four big unorganized fabricators in the district, who have been manufacturing appreciable quantities of tools and implements and supplying them to the different departmental depots for sale to ryots. The fabricators are being supplied with iron and steel materials periodically by the Agricultural Department."

SRI MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR:--"May I know whether the Government will consider the imperative necessity and urgency of subsidizing ammonium sulphate this year also and that is at the beginning of the cultivation season."

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:--"The season is already over."

SRI MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR:--"I mean, the ensuing fasli, Sir."

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:--"We will do it."

SRI MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR:--"If so, may I request the Government to see that it is done at the beginning of the cultivation season?"

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:- "It will be noted for future information."

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SRI MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR:--" I would like to know whether the subsidy granted in 1945-46 was granted only in December after the whole paddy cultivation was over?"

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:--"Notice,Sir."

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:--"May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the supply of groundnut cakes in the several districts is grossly inadequate?"

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:-"The Government is aware of it."

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:- "May I know whether the Government will take necessary steps to supply sufficient quantities this year?"

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:--"It is only if we are able to procure the necessary quantity, we will be able to distribute it."

SRI C.N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR:--"May I enquire whether the Government is aware of the fact that the groundnut cakes supplied are totally unfit for use?"

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:--"It is only a matter of opinion."

SRI MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR:--"May I know whether the Government propose to combat the rat menace by using cyano gas?"

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:- "We will consider it."

MR. PRESIDENT:- How do rats come in in the question of manure?"

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:-- "We are very grateful to the Hon. Minister for having given long answers with full particulars. When such answers are given, we would like to have copies supplied to us so that we may also claim the same privileges as Tanjore seems to enjoy."

SRI MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR:--"May I know, Sir, whether the Government consider that 732 tons of ammonium sulphate is enough for 1946-47 and whether it has not gone down by 50 per cent as compared with 1945-46?"

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:--"Does the hon. Member mean manure or production ?"

SRI MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR:--"I mean supply of am manure."

THE HON. SRI P.S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA:--" I have already given the figures and the hon. Member may calculate the percentage."

SRI K. NATARAJAN:-- "In view of the fact that the answer to the six question is long, may I request that a copy of it may be given to us?"

MR. PRESIDENT:-- "It will be printed."

SRI K. NATARAJAN:-- "I would like to have a copy before printing?"

SRI MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR:--"If I can supplement what my hon. Colleague suggested, I submit that answers should be supplied to hon. Members before they are answered in this House."

MR. PRESIDENT:-- "That is a different matter."

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Please see the extract of the official proceedings of the Council at pp. 13-16 c.f.

'B' On page 7 c.f.:- In 1944, the Government sanctioned a scheme for the distribution of ammonium sulphate to paddy crop on a subsidised basis at a price equal to 75% of the actual cost of the manure at the Agricultural Depots. The scheme was subsequently dropped as it was found that the ryots were abusing the concession and effective check was not possible. The question of supplying ammonium sulphate to paddy crops during 1947-48 on a subsidised basis was again considered in October 1947 but was finally dropped by Government. In the circumstances no action is called for on this item.

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A scheme for combating the rat pest in the fields has been sanctioned in G.O.No. 4631, Development dated 26-9-47. In that scheme rat holes are treated with cynogar by the departmental staff. The scheme has been sanctioned for one year in the first instance and it has been merged recently with the comprehensive scheme for the control of pests and diseases of crops included in the Gro More Food Five Year Plan relating to the Agricultural Department - Vide B4 on page 2 of G.O.No.130, Development dated 9-1-48.

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